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SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING AUGMENTATION

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1. GON HAS TRADITIONALLY FAVORED NATO INFRASTRUCTURE
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ELATIONSHIPS. BASIC DUTCH DISPOSTION WITH RESPECT TO

ANY PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING IS THEREFORE LIKELY TO BE POSITIVE.

2. GIVEN BUDGETARY PRESSURES, HOWEVER, GON WILL NOT FIND IT EASY - IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES - TO INCREASE DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING BY ANY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. DUTCH VIEW WOULD DEPEND ON PRECISE AMOUNT OF DUTCH FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED AS WELL AS ON TIMING OF ANY SUGGESTED DUTCH CONTRIBUTION.

3. WHILE THEREFORE WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN AS TO DUTCH RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, WE SEE NO HARM IN APPROACHING DUTCH IN THE HAGUE ON THIS ISSUE IN SEPTEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCENARIO REFTEL.

4. GON WILL OF COURSE CONSIDER VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR INCREASED DUTCH DEFENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATO TOGETHER. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED OF IMPENDING VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE REED FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GON OFFICIALS SEPT 7 ON KEY ISSUES, INCLUDING AWACS. OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR APPROACH IN DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE ARE CONTAINED IN THE HAGUE 4079 (NOTAL.

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